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**1. Project Contact and Coordination Information**

*a. Identify the project leader(s) and respective business affiliations.*

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*b. Provide a complete address for postal delivery and the telephone, fax, and e-mail address for the responsible administrative official.*

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*c. Identify the organization that is legally and financially responsible for the conduct of activities supported by the award.*

University of Wyoming

*d. Explain how project is being coordinated throughout the state or region.*

A non-competing continuation application for the third year of a HRSA ORHP Rural Health Care Network Development grant to the University of Wyoming was approved in April 2010. The project manager hired in 2008 from this grant continues to work on the project, and an additional part-time person has been hired with these funds for 2010-2011 to provide fiscal management and additional coordination. A graduate assistant has also been hired through a grant from the HRSA Office of Health Information Technology to assist the project director and manager with the deployment and development of the network.

A consortium of state agencies, private health organization and professional and community organizations exists to coordinate the network development with other telehealth-related activities in Wyoming. Members were appointed by the Director of the Wyoming Department of Health. The group meets monthly, and reports on this project are given at each meeting.

An Advisory Committee representing the user community for the network has been organized. The Advisory Committee meets via conference call monthly, with good participation from the membership. This group will ultimately be responsible for developing the governance and financial structure for the network, in cooperation with the University and the state consortium.

**2. Identify all health care facilities included in the network.**

The Form 466A package has been submitted. A list of facilities in the state included in the package is provided as Attachment A.

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**3. Network Narrative.**

*a. Brief description of the backbone network of the dedicated health care network*

The proposed network consists of an ATM-based “cloud” through which all participating sites will be connected. The selected vendor will provide the equipment, lines, and management of the network as part of their contract.

*b. Explanation of how health care provider sites will connect to (or access) the network, including the access technologies/services and transmission speeds*

Hospitals with more than 25 beds will be connected with dual T1 connections; all other sites will be connected with single T1 connections. All sites will be provided with routers to connect to the network as part of the project.

*c. Explanation of how and where the network will connect to a national backbone such as NLR or Internet2*

A collection point will be established at the Division of Information Technology at the University of Wyoming as part of the project. The University has a redundant connection to Internet2 via the Front Range Gigapop that will be available to the sites.

*d. Number of miles of fiber construction, and whether the fiber is buried or aerial*

No fiber is being installed as part of this project. All connections will use existing copper wire where possible, and new copper will be installed if required.

*e. Special systems or services for network management or maintenance (if applicable) and where such systems reside or are based*

All network services and maintenance will be managed by the vendor.

**4. List of Connected Health Care Providers.**

At this time, no providers have been connected. We anticipate beginning connections after the Funding Commitment Letter is in place.

**5. Identify the following non-recurring and recurring costs, where applicable, shown both as budgeted and actually incurred for the applicable quarter and funding year to-date.**

No costs were budgeted or incurred for the current quarter.

**6. Describe how costs have been apportioned and the sources of the funds to pay them.**

*a. Explain how costs are identified, allocated among, and apportioned to both eligible and ineligible network participants.*

Costs are specified in the Network Cost Worksheet that was submitted as part of the Form 466A package. We have identified three ineligible entities that intend to connect to the network (a for-profit hospital and two clinics that it operates). This group will be required to pay three equal shares of its non-recurring and recurring costs during the contract period.

*b. Describe the source of funds from eligible and non-eligible participants.*

The Wyoming Association of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Centers (WAMHSAC) represents the mental health/substance abuse clinics that are eligible and intend to participate in the network. WAMHSAC has pledged approximately \$25,000 towards the matching funds, to be collected from the participating sites. This pledge will go towards matching the project funding.

*c. Show contributions from all other sources.*

The project has received \$115,000 in matching funds from the Wyoming Department of Health through its Division of Emergency Preparedness

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(\$100,000) and the State Office of Rural Health (\$15,000). Staffing for project management is supported through a HRSA Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Health Network Development Grant, which currently extends through April 2011, and a HRSA Office of Health Information Technology grant, which extends through July 2011.

*d. Explain how the selected participant's minimum 15 percent contribution is helping to achieve both the selected participant's identified goals and objectives and the overarching goals of the Pilot Program.*

The matching funds demonstrate a commitment to developing telehealth capacity in Wyoming from both the State and private healthcare providers. Such commitment is necessary to ensure its adoption and sustainability.

*7. Identify any technical or non-technical requirements or procedures necessary for ineligible entities to connect to the participant's network.*

We will design procedures to connect the three ineligible entities, as well as collect their fair share of the costs, as part of the installation process with the selected vendor.

*8. Provide an update on the project management plan, detailing:*

*a. The project's current leadership and management structure and any changes to the management structure since the last data report.*

No changes since last report.

*b. The project schedule.*

Contract negotiations with the selected vendor (Qwest Corporation) are complete and the contract has been signed. As mentioned above, the Form 466A package has been submitted and is under review. We are awaiting the results from the review to determine what revisions are needed for the Funding Commitment Letter to be approved. Work will begin on the project once the FCL is received from FCC. We anticipate a fairly rapid build-out process because Qwest has indicated they will be able to use existing lines and will not need to do significant upgrade work.

<b>TASK</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Complete network design	29 August 2008 (completed)
Collect Letters of Agency	30 October 2008 (completed)
Submit Form 465 for informal review	15 November 2008 (completed)
Revise Form 465 and submit	10 April 2009 (completed)
Review responses to Form 465	10 June 2009 (completed)
Execute vendor contract	15 March 2010 (completed)
Submit Form 466A	30 May 2010 (completed, in review)
Deploy network	30 December 2010
Complete project	30 June 2011

*9. Provide detail on whether network is or will become self sustaining. Selected participants should provide an explanation of how the network is self sustaining.*

It is our intention that the network become largely self-sustaining within a 10-year time frame. The discussion on sustainability that was submitted with previous reports is not being included here; however, a formal 10-year business plan has been submitted as part of the Form 466A package and is available from the USAC Sharepoint site.

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*10. Provide detail on how the supported network has advanced telemedicine benefits.*

At this time, the network is not delivering services.

*11. Provide detail on how the supported network has complied with HHS health IT initiatives.*

The network has not addressed these initiatives.

*12. Explain how the selected participants coordinated in the use of their health care networks with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and, in particular, with its Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in instances of national, regional, or local public health emergencies (e.g., pandemics, bioterrorism). In such instances, where feasible, explain how selected participants provided access to their supported networks to HHS, including CDC, and other public health officials.*

At this time, this coordination has not taken place.

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**ATTACHMENT A: Health care facilities participating in the Wyoming Network for Telehealth as of April 2010**

<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>RUCA</b>	<b>Phone #</b>	<b>Facility Type</b>	<b>Eligible for RHCPP Funding</b>
Big Horn Clinic (Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital)	156 N 6th Street, Basin WY 81410	Big Horn	10	307-568-2499	Public, non-profit rural health clinic	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Bridger Valley Family Practice (Evanston Regional Hospital)	107 N. Main Street, Lyman WY 82937	Uinta	10.5	307-787-3313	Public, for-profit rural health clinic	NO: operated by for-profit facility
Campbell County Memorial Hospital	501 S. Burman Ave., Gillette WY 82717	Campbell	4	307-688-1551	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Crook County Medical Services District	713 Oak Street, Sundance WY 82729	Crook	10	307-283-3501	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Evanston Regional Hospital	190 Arrowhead Dr., Evanston WY 82930	Uinta	4	307-789-3636	Public, for-profit hospital	NO: for-profit facility
Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital	150 E. Arapahoe, Thermopolis WY 82443	Hot Springs	7	307-864-3121	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Hulett Clinic (Crook County Medical Services District)	122 Main Street, Hulett WY 82720	Crook	10.5	307-467-5281	Public non-profit rural health clinic	YES: certified by State of Wyoming

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Ivinson Memorial Hospital	255 North 30th St., Laramie WY 82070	Albany	4	307-742-2141	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Johnson County Memorial Hospital	497 West Lott, Buffalo WY 82834	Johnson	7	307-684-5521	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Memorial Hospital of Carbon County	2221 West Elm Street, Rawlins WY 82301	Carbon	7	307-324-8213	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Memorial Hospital of Converse County	111 S. Fifth Street, Douglas WY 82633	Converse	7	307-358-1454	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Moorcroft Clinic (Crook County Medical Services District)	101 West Crook, Moorcroft WY 82721	Crook	10.5	307-756-3414	Public, non-profit rural health clinic	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Mountain View Clinic (Evanston Regional Hospital)	531 Parkway Drive, Mountain View WY 82939	Uinta	10.5	307-782-7650	Public, for-profit rural health clinic	NO: operated by for-profit facility
North Big Horn Hospital District	1115 Lane 12, Lovell WY 82431	Big Horn	10	307-548-5200	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming

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Platte Valley Medical Clinic	1208 S. River St., Saratoga WY 82331	Carbon	10.6	307-326-8381	Public, non-profit rural health clinic	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Powell Valley Healthcare	777 Avenue H, Powell WY 82435	Park	7	307-754-2267	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
South Big Horn County Hospital District	88 South US Hwy. 20, Basin WY 82410	Big Horn	10	307-568-3311	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
South Lincoln Medical Center	711 Onyx Street, Kemmerer WY 83101	Lincoln	7	307-877-4401	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Star Valley Medical Center	910 Adams Street, Afton WY 83110	Lincoln	10	307-885-5800	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Univ. of Wyoming College of Health Sciences	236 Health Sciences Center, Laramie WY 82071	Albany	4	307-766-6556	State university offering health care education	YES: other eligible entity
West Park Hospital	707 Sheridan Avenue, Cody WY 82414	Park	7	307-578-2488	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming

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West Park Hospital Cathcart Medical Office Building	424 Yellowstone Highway, Cody WY 82414	Park	7	307-578-2488	Public, non-profit hospital (new location)	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Weston County Health Services	1124 Washington, Newcastle WY 82701	Weston	7	307-746-4491	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: certified by State of Wyoming
Wyoming State Hospital	831 Highway 150 South, Evanston WY 82930	Uinta	4	307-789-3464	Public, non-profit hospital	YES: State-operated facility
Big Horn Basin Counseling Service	116 South 3rd St., Basin WY 82410	Big Horn	10	307-568-2020	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services
Big Horn Basin Counseling Service	1114 Lane 12, Lovell WY 82431	Big Horn	10	307-548-6543	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services
Carbon County Counseling Center	112 E. Bridge, Saratoga WY 82331	Carbon	10.6	307-324-7156	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services



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Central Wyoming Counseling Center	1430 Wilkins Circle, Casper WY 82601	Natrona	1	307-237-9583	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services
Fremont Counseling Service: Lander	748 Main Street, Lander WY 82520	Fremont	7	307-332-2231	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services
Fremont Counseling Service: Riverton	1110 Major Ave, Riverton WY 82501	Fremont	4	307-856-6587	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services
High Country Behavioral Health	389 Adams, Afton WY 83110	Lincoln	10	307-885-9883	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services
High Country Behavioral Health	821 Sage Avenue, Kemmerer WY 83101	Lincoln	7	307-877-4466	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services

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High Country Behavioral Health	24 Country Club Lane, Pinedale WY 82941	Sublette	10	307-367-2111	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services
Jackson Hole Community Counseling Center	640 E. Broadway, Jackson WY 83001	Teton	4	307-733-2046	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services
Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center: Buffalo	521 W. Lott St, Buffalo WY 82834	Johnson	7	307-684-5531	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services
Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center: Newcastle	420 Deanne Ave., Newcastle WY 82701	Weston	7	307-746-4456	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services
Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center: Sheridan	1221 West 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Sheridan WY 82801	Sheridan	4	307-674-4405	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services

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Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center: Sundance	420-1/2 Main St., Sundance WY 82729	Crook	10	307-283-3636	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services
Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center: Supported Independence Program	1701 West 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite C, Sheridan WY 82801	Sheridan	4	307-674-5534	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services
Yellowstone Behavioral Health Center	2538 Big Horn Avenue, Cody WY 82414	Park	7	307-587-2197	Public, non-profit mental health clinic/ substance abuse center	YES: provides core outpatient services